

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS23189

This is a trailer appropriation bill to H470aS in the amount of \$400,000 from the General Fund and transfers that amount to the Wolf Control Fund.

H470aS finds that additional financial resources are needed to continue the implementation of Idaho's wolf management plan. It establishes a five-member Wolf Depredation Control Board in the Governor's Office and creates a set of new funds and subaccounts to be administered by the Department of Agriculture. H470aS establishes fees from sportsmen and the livestock industry to be allocated into the Wolf Control Fund.

The responsibility of the board is to allocate the money in the Wolf Control Fund for control actions for wolves when there is a depredation conflict between wolves and wildlife or between wolves and livestock. H470aS has an emergency clause which allows the producers to begin collecting and depositing assessments upon enactment. It also has a five-year sunset.

FISCAL NOTE

This bill appropriates and transfers \$400,000 one-time from the General Fund to the Wolf Control Fund effective July 1, 2014 for fiscal year 2015.

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